

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to refer to the parent application, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78, and to make minor changes as were made in the parent application.

Claims 1-6 have been cancelled. Claims 7-9 have been added.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to MPEP § 609, Applicants understand that the Examiner will, as part of his examination of this application, consider the art of record in the parent application. A form PTO-1449 is enclosed, citing the art of record in the parent application, but, pursuant to MPEP § 609, no new copies of such art are provided; should the Examiner wish to have such submitted, however, Applicants will gladly do so upon request.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
10/067,796	02/08/02	2673
10/209,876	08/02/02	2879

A copy of each cited U.S. application is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,534,924 issued from Application No. 09/328,804, of record in parent U.S. Patent Application 10/227,346. One copy of U.S. Patent 6,534,924 is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

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